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**NEW CLASS COMBATANT
HAIPHONG, NORTH VIETNAM
20-51N 106-44E**



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HAIPHONG
3.9 NM

CUA CAM

SEARCH
LIGHT

PROBABLE
GUN MOUNT

NEW
CLASS YP

PROBABLE
GUN MOUNT

BUNKERING
PIER

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HAIPHONG, NORTH VIETNAM
2051N 10644E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A NEW CLASS COMBATANT, PROBABLY OF
CHICOM CONSTRUCTION, IN NORTH VIETNAM.

2. LOCATION:

HAIPHONG AREA, NORTH VIETNAM.

3. BACKGROUND:

A VESSEL OF THIS TYPE WAS FIRST OBSERVED IN NORTH VIETNAM ON

[REDACTED] AT THE HAIPHONG MARINE HOSPITAL (INFILTRATION) WHARF ALONGSIDE
THE RECENTLY IDENTIFIED SL-2, WUHU, YF AND AN SL-4. IT WAS NEXT OBSERVED
IN LATE 1968 AND AGAIN [REDACTED] FIVE WERE
PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED AT THE SAME BUNKERING PIER AS IS DEPICTED ON THIS
BRIEFING BOARD.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

MISSION [REDACTED] REVEALS A NEW CLASS YP MOORED
ALONGSIDE A SMALL BUNKERING PIER, 3.9 NM WEST OF THE HAIPHONG NAVAL BASE.
THE VESSEL HAS A [REDACTED] A SEARCHLIGHT IS MOUNTED

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ON THE FORWARD PORTION OF THE DECKHOUSE. TWO PROBABLE GUN MOUNTS ARE LOCATED FORE AND AFT OF THE DECKHOUSE. THE YP HAS A DISTINCT STERN SECTION IN THAT THE DECKLINE, AT THE STERN, RISES SHARPLY FOR THE LAST 10 FEET AND THEN DIPS TO DECK LEVEL AT THE CENTER OF THE STERN. THE VESSEL IS PROBABLY A STEEL-HULLED HARBOR AND RIVER PATROL CRAFT.

5. REMARKS:

THE SIMILARITY BETWEEN THIS VESSEL (WHICH IS NOT YET NAMED) AND OTHER CHICOM BUILT VESSELS INDICATED THAT IT WAS PROBABLY CONSTRUCTED IN CHINA. THE IDENTIFICATION OF THIS NEW CLASS YP ADDS FIVE MORE COMBATANTS TO THE NAVAL ORDER OF BATTLE OF NORTH VIETNAM.

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